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COURT REJECTS DE ANZA PLAINTIFFS' \$48 MILLION CLAIM

City to Move Forward with Court's Relocation Plan for De Anza Cove Mobilehome Residents

San Diego, CA— A Superior Court Judge filed a tentative decision today in an attempt to resolve 26 years of legal disputes over the closure of the De Anza Cove Mobilehome Park located in Mission Bay.

The Plaintiffs in the case, the De Anza Cove Homeowner's Association, Inc., were requesting more than \$48 million in relocation costs. However, Judge Charles Hayes rejected that claim and, instead, put guidelines in place to mitigate the hardship of the relocation on owners and occupants for more than 325 mobilehomes.

"The decision allows the City to move forward with a reasonable plan to assist the owners and residents as they relocate from the Park," said City Attorney Michael Aguirre. "The relocation process is expected to take two years. During that time the City will make every effort to work closely with Park residents to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible."

The Court made the following determinations:

- The City of San Diego's mobilehome park closure ordinance will apply to the relocation process.
- Two "special masters" will oversee the closure due to a possible conflict of interest that may arise if the City Council was the entity deciding the mitigation that is owed. "Special masters" are legal professionals, such as retired judges or other experts in the field.
- A final Relocation Impact Report (RIR) will be prepared and submitted to the "special masters" for review.
- The City is to retain a Relocation Director to help people with the relocation process and with special needs.
- The Plaintiffs' claim that the City should pay "in-place value" for a comparable bayfront home was rejected.
- The Court set guidelines for relocation compensation for owners, occupants, and tenants.

To view the ruling, visit www.sandiegocityattorney.org, click "Significant Reports & Legal Documents."

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